



NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Joe W. Stecher and the Lincoln Police Department and Lancaster County Sheriff's Office announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

Deante Gaines was sentenced to seven years and three months in federal prison for conspiring to distribute crack cocaine in Eastern Nebraska. In addition to the prison sentence, Gaines was ordered to complete five years on supervised release following his term in prison.

The Honorable Warren K. Urbom, United States Senior District Judge, entered the sentence, finding that several factors including lack of a prior criminal record, allowed him to sentence the defendant to less than the mandatory minimum of 10 years. Investigation by the Lincoln/Lancaster County Narcotics Task Force identified a number of individuals who purchased crack cocaine with Gaines while he was living in Lincoln. When Gaines was arrested on the federal charges, he was found to be in possession of several packages of crack.

Name of Defendant: Dion L. Gordon aka Deante Chavate Levi Gaines

AKA: Big Boy

Age: 33

City of residence: Chicago

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty)

Conspiracy to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine

10 to life, up to \$4,000,000 fine, not less than five years supervised release

Specific Location of Alleged Crime:

Location of Arrest: Lincoln

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: over 500 grams of crack

Others Charged in Same Scheme: PeeAir Ward, Brandon Smith-Cushingberry, Rodney Bredemeier

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: October 1, 2007 through March 31, 2008

Federal Arrest Date: October 31, 2008

Date Complaint Issued:

Indictment Returned Date: October 22, 2008

Initial Appearance Date: November 4, 2008

Plea or Trial and Date(s): pled March 18, 2009

Sentencing Date: July 6, 2009

Next Court Hearing Type and Date:

Assigned Magistrate Judge: David L. Piester

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: released on bond

In Continuous Custody Since:

Assigned District Court Judge: Warren K. Urbom

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